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### **IOWA FREIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

March 25, 2022 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Courtyard by Marriot 2405 SE Creekview Dr, Ankeny, IA 50021

### Meeting input objectives

- 1. Provided feedback on future transportation funding allocations and projects.
- 2. Identify potential solutions for the ongoing truck driver shortage.

10:00 AM	Safety Briefing	Amanda Martin Iowa DOT
	Welcome & Introductions Ice breaker: Provide any comments, updates, notable items, etc. related to your business since the last meeting.	Mike Steenhoek, Chair Soy Transportation Coalition
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### 12:00 PM Lunch

#### 12:45 PM **Panel: Truck Driver Shortage**

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- Shirley McGuire, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Brenda Neville, Iowa Motor Truck Association
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### **Members**

Х	Gabe Claypool, Des Moines Industrial	Х	Joe Parsons, Iowa Interstate Railroad
х	Tom Determann, Clinton Regional Development	х	Dan Sabin, Iowa Northern Rail.
Х	Greg Dickinson, Ten D/Merchants Distribution	Х	Chad Masters for Jody Sandy, Hy-Vee
Х	Doug Martin, Amazon	Х	Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition
х	Brenda Neville for Allison Meiners, IMTA	х	Reilly Vaughan, Agribusiness Assoc. of Iowa
Х	Don McDowell, Iowa Farm Bureau		Jillian Walsh, Travero
Х	Bob Rafferty for Delia Moon-Meier, Iowa 80	Х	Ron White, Artco Fleeting Service
Х	James Niffenegger, Landus Cooperative		Tim Woods, Woods Development
Х	Kelli O'Brien, Union Pacific Railroad		

### **Ex-Officio Members**

	Todd Ashby, Des Moines Area MPO	х	Shirley McGuire, FMCSA
х	Andrew Goodall for Col. Jesse Curry, USACE		Mike Norris, Southeast Iowa RPC
х	Mike Hadley, Keokuk County		Paul Ovrom, IDALS
х	Todd Valentine for Michael Kober, Iowa DPS	х	Joseph Rude, Iowa Economic Dev. Authority
х	Sean Litteral, FHWA Iowa Division		Louis Vander Streek, Iowa Utilities Board
х	Scott Marler, Iowa DOT	Х	Jennifer Wright, Iowa DNR
х	Tim Marshall, FHWA lowa Division		

### **Iowa DOT**

х	Stu Anderson		Tammy Nicholson
	Zac Bitting	Х	Garrett Pedersen
	Mikel Derby	Х	Charlie Purcell
	Brenda Freshour-Johnston		Ryan Ridout
	Melissa Gillett	Х	Adam Shell
х	Sam Hiscocks		Jeff von Brown
х	Alex Jansen		Andrea White
	Troy Jerman	Х	Caleb Whitehouse
х	David Lorenzen		Lee Wilkinson
х	Craig Markley		
х	Amanda Martin		

### Guests

Mark Johnson, FHWA Iowa Division	

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Amanda Martin lowa DOT

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Mike Steenhoek, Chair Soy Transportation Coalition

Amanda Martin welcomed members to the FAC meeting. Martin designated Garrett Pedersen as the 911 caller and Caleb Whitehouse as his backup. Martin also pointed out emergency exits, fire alarms, and weather shelters.

Mike Steenhoek began introductions with Whitehouse working around the table.

- Andrew Goodall Exciting news on IIJA
- Scott Marler met with Pete Buttigeg, good to have funding
- Gabe Claypool announced that the Des Moines Transload facility is now open

### 10:30 AM lowa State Freight Plan

General update on the status of the document due July 2022. **Iowa DOT** 

#### 10:11

Sam Hiscocks announced that the State Freight Plan is out for public comment. It is a requirement of the FAST Act and IIJA. Consultation with the FAC is required. The final document is due in July 2022. Hiscocks talked about the outline of the document and what each section contains. Public input period ends April 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Question from Steenhoek How will strategies be implemented, what does that look like?
  - Varies by strategy. Marler noted midwestern states working together to identify bottlenecks and address with advanced technology
- Question from Steenhoek Does the DOT ever get pushback from federal agencies on the content of the plan?
- Sean Litteral and Hiscocks explained how review/comment process works
   Steenhoek pointed out the difficulty that the public sector has measuring the success of initiatives and reminded FAC members to give effective feedback to the DOT.

#### 10:40 AM Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Stu Anderson lowa DOT

Sam Hiscocks

A general overview of transportation-related programs and the funding that is available through IIJA and how these will be implemented.

### 10:26

Stu Anderson updated the FAC on the DOT budget and IIJA funds. Marler met with Governor Reynolds about commercial airport funds (Iowa hanger space 94% full). See slides from meeting for more details.

- Steenhoek asked about materials shortages delaying construction.
- Steenhoek asked about discussions of suspending the fuel tax (Americans would save 88 cents per day, on average, according to his calculations)

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Update from USACE on the Work Plan, Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program, and other topics of interest.

Andrew Goodall USACE, Rock Island

#### 11:20

Goodall began with an overview of the Rock Island District and the district's budget.

Increase in funding from \$7.8 Billion to \$17.8 billion across the whole USACE. Rock Island District annual appropriations increase from ~\$200 million to over \$1 billion.

NESP – Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program – January 19th, NESP was included in IIJA. Lock & Dam 25 was fully funded for a 1200' lock. The project will take 5-7 years to complete but will be open throughout. Once completed, the project will reduce locking times from 2-3 hours to 30-45 minutes. Also, the Lock and Dam 22 Fish passage was funded at \$97.1 M.

Marler asked about USACE priorities moving on from L&D 25

Before adjourning for lunch, Steenhoek requested FAC members begin the next agenda item by sharing labor challenges in all freight sectors, in addition to the panel on truck labor shortages.

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- Chad Masters, Hy-Vee
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- Mike asked for feedback regarding labor shortage in general
  - UP: Noted "great resignation" and not being about the money; hours are hard; noted issues with trying to bring people back after layoffs/furlough; UP has started hiring their own truck drivers
  - Steenhoek followed up by asking what the pandemic did to change labor dynamics
    - IANR noted people getting paid not to work; noted not being able to provide service to all customers all days; have started special recruiting program.
    - UP: truckers/railroads workers were "essential" during pandemic and were worked very hard.
    - Merchants: driver shortage has been around for a while; just lost an older driver who
      finally retired at 78, but can't find replacement; entire driver fleet is aging; noted
      DMACC program planning to train Afghan refugees; noted ability to work from home
      as benefit that trucking companies can't provide
  - o IAIS: "Same story, different railroad"; noting previously, if railroad was hiring, 500 would show up for 5 positions; noted trying to make quality of life adjustments; not all about the money.

- Hy-Vee: used to have to work warehouse first before driving- they now hire drivers off the street
- Amazon: More are factoring in quality of life; later noted rise of "gig economy" supplementing traditional full-time work.
- Artco Fleeting: noted many people who were on the verge of retirement who were pushed into retirement by pandemic (HyVee echoed this; highest number of retirements ever in past year)
- Truck driver shortage panel
  - Landus: drivers can be home 12-16 hours/night, which is an advantage over most companies; have benefit of providing good paying jobs in rural lowa; noted being whole with truck drivers but feeling impact of payroll adjustments; recruiting community colleges and truck driving schools, accepting less experienced drivers.
  - o FMCSA: noted entry level driver training slowing down CDL process; comes down to making it a job that someone wants to have, not has to have; IIJA has outlined apprenticeship program pilot projects (looking for 18–20-year-olds); noted possibility for broader transportation impacts due to automated vehicle technology; noted that some regulations (e.g., marijuana use) could be relaxed but may create safety issues; noted safety issues with ag trucking receiving significant exemptions.
  - All panelists noted issues with drug and alcohol clearinghouse and issues with getting drivers cleared once they have an issue
  - Re: legalization of marijuana; Lorenzen noted hearing form a national expert that legalization lobby is so strong it's almost unstoppable
  - HyVee: Noted DMACC and Indian Hills driver program costs were reimbursed through new driver program; also had large number of retirees; noted hearing that only five students have recently enrolled in Indian Hills driver training; noted benefit of rotating work schedules- time on/off
  - Question re: pay for over the road trucker compared to drivers that are home every night
    - HyVee: \$80-85k for daily driver, \$145-150 for over the road
    - IMTA noted that they hear consistently that pay is not an issue
      - 85-percent of survey respondents have raised wages 40+ percent in last year; also doing sign-on bonuses
      - Also doing things like providing counselors, financial advisors, etc.
      - Among membership, average starting pay is \$80-90k; veteran drivers making more than \$150k
  - o IMTA noted summit issues being addressed through private foundation
    - Noted that company listening sessions consistently point out need to allow 18-yearolds drivers to cross state lines
    - FMCSA asked about insurance issues, and their reluctance
      - IMTA noted that this is a significant hurdle
      - IMTA noted Iowa agriculture community is especially vocal given young, competent population who are used to driving large machinery
    - HyVee noted that 18/19-year-olds are starting careers that they may stick with, and trucking industry is losing out on those candidates
  - Size and weight issues; Steenhoek asked for strong feelings for/against raising
    - IMTA noted that majority of their membership now favors it
  - Steenhoek asked about inefficiencies in regulation; imbalance between inconvenience/cost and benefit
    - IMTA noted hours of service (HOS) is one regulatory area that their members want changed; one size does not fit all

- FMCSA acknowledged complexity of HOS regulations, and being a disincentive to attracting young drivers
- IMTA noted some company CEOs want to see cab-facing cameras becoming requirement;
   they view them as beneficial, but they don't want to be the ones requiring it
- o Steenhoek asked about collaboration among modes; noted growing trend of collaboration
  - IANR noted recognizing that trucking industry has issues that rail can help solve
  - IMTA echoed increased positive collaboration, particularly with recent supply chain issues
- Concerns re: autonomous trucking
  - Landus noted opportunity in agriculture; automation already being used in fields
  - FMCSA and IMTA noted issues with liability/insurance
  - IMTA believes you'll see platooning before full autonomy; also expect EV to come sooner than automation

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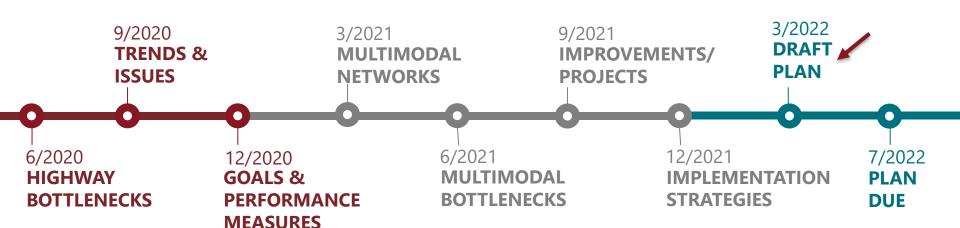






# Overview

- Required by Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Immediate and long-range freight planning activities and investments
- Consultation with Freight Advisory Council
- Due July 2022





# Content

### **Document outline**

Introduction & purpose

Goals, vision, and relationship to the state transportation plan

System inventory & performance

Mode comparison, system overview, freight network designations, and performance reporting

Industries & commodities

Freight-dependent industries, commodity movements, trading partners, and primary supply chains

Planning considerations

Prioritized trends and issues

**Action plan** 

Prioritized implementation strategies, improvements, performance measures, and Freight Investment Plan



# Goals



### **SAFETY**

Improve the **safety, security, and resilience** of the national freight system.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Modernize **freight infrastructure and operations** to grow the economy, increase competitiveness, and improve quality of life.

## INNOVATION

Prepare for the future by supporting the development of data, technologies, and workforce capabilities that improve freight system performance.

STATE FREIGHT PLAN



# System inventory and performance

- Freight network designations
  - National Multimodal Freight Network
  - Iowa Multimodal Freight Network
  - Strategic military networks
- Performance metrics/measures
  - Condition
  - Utilization
  - Safety
  - Reliability (bottlenecks)



8 commercial airports 106 other service airports



9,621-mile Primary Highway System 115,509 total miles of roadways



46,664 miles of pipelines Multiple pipeline operators



17 operating railroad companies 3,804 miles of rail lines



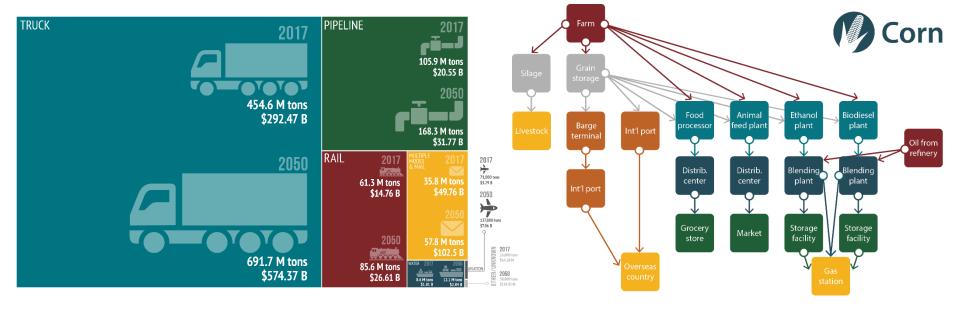
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# Industries and commodities

- Primary supply chains
- Commodity movement
- Trading partners





**Industry** 



# Planning considerations

High priority	Medium priority	Lower priority	Other	
Funding	Human trafficking	Land use	Rural infrastructure	
Agriculture	Mississippi River	Energy	Interstate System	
<b>Lock and dams</b>	cargo	Sourcing	Rail crossing safety	
Trade	Manufacturing	Automated trucking	Sustainable	
Multimodal	Rail network	Economics	investment	
Safety	E-commerce	Panama Canal	Container	
Resiliency	Rail cargo	Missouri River cargo	availability	
Truck cargo	First mile/last mile	Fuel	Pipelines	
<b>Highway Design</b>	Automation	Aviation trends		
Regulations	Oversize/overweight			
Intermodalism	Bio renewables	Air cargo		
Trucking issues		Coal decline		



# Action plan

- Implementation strategies
  - 19 total prioritized by Freight Advisory Council
- Improvements and investments
  - Aviation: two largest commercial airports
  - Highway: bottleneck prioritization
  - Railroad: rail companies
  - Waterway: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Freight Investment Plan
  - National Highway Freight Program funds

# Iowa's National Highway Freight Program allocation

FY 2016	\$14,085,949
FY 2017	\$13,386,574
FY 2018	\$14,627,929
FY 2019	\$16,511,333
FY 2020	\$18,276,135
FY 2021	\$18,161,883
FY 2022	\$17,043,984
FY 2023	\$17,384,864
FY 2024	\$17,732,561
FY 2025	\$18,087,213
FY 2026	\$18,448,957
Total	\$183,747,382

# Public input period ends April 7<sup>th</sup>

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

### Sam Hiscocks

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### What's the Freight Plan?

The primary purpose of the State Freight Plan is to document the immediate and long-range freight planning activities and investments in the state. More specifically, it will provide guidance on how to address issues, adapt to emerging trends, and invest strategically in the freight system to grow a stronger economy, strengthen the nation's competitive advantage, and enhance the quality of life for lowans.

Developed in coordination with the lowa Freight Advisory Council (FAC), the State Freight Plan serves as a platform for connecting lowa's freight-related initiatives and a tool for informed decision-making aimed at addressing the ongoing challenges of today's freight system and supply chains.

### What's in the Freight Plan?

- · Goals: Vision and direction
- Inventory: Overview of the multimodal freight transportation system
- System performance: Condition, utilization, safety, and reliability statistics
- Commodity movement: Tonnage/value by mode, commodities, and trading partners
- Primary supply chains: Identification and overview
- Planning considerations: Trends and issues influencing freight transportation
- Strategies: Actions and initiatives for plan implementation
- Improvements: Recommended priority investments by mode
- Performance measures: Freight metrics specific to mode
- Freight Investment Plan: Documents use of National Highway Freight Program funds

### What's changed from the last Freight Plan?

This plan is the second in the current series of freight plans that are now federally required to be updated every four years. The 2022 Freight Plan is an updated and streamlined version of the original 2017 freight plan with several notable enhancements that will impact the freight transportation system, including:

- Clearly defined system objectives
- Process for identifying multimodal bottlenecks
- Focus on infrastructure and supply chain resiliency
- Freight design considerations
- Commercial motor vehicle parking facilities assessment
- Catalog of freight-generating facilities

### Relationship to the state transportation plan

The State Freight Plan is developed to support the state transportation plan. More specifically, the following freight-specific items will align with the four lowa DOT system objectives documented in the state transportation plan.

- Freight goals
- Implementation strategies
- Improvements/investments
- Performance measures

Each of Iowa's freight-related initiatives plays a role in a collaborative planning and programming process. The State Freight Plan is one of a variety of additional plans and tools the department utilizes to ultimately inform the development of the Five-Year Program. These include the state transportation plan, more specialized plans, system evaluation, and project-level evaluation tools.

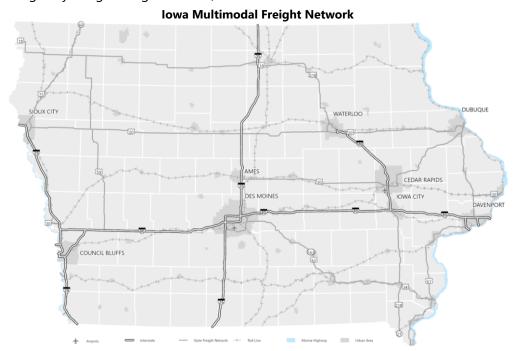




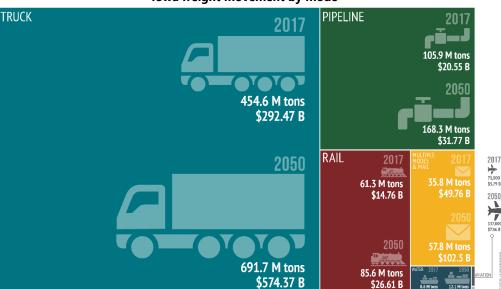
### Multimodal freight transportation system

lowa's 160,000-mile multimodal freight transportation system is comprised of multiple air cargo facilities, a well-developed highway system, a large web of pipelines, an extensive rail network, two bordering navigable waterways, and hundreds of freight-related facilities to assist in the movement of freight. The most critical freight infrastructure in the state is designated as part of the lowa Multimodal Freight Network, which is used for:

- Informing freight transportation planning by tracking performance metrics (i.e., bottlenecks),
- Developing department policies for these corridors related to design and use,
- Recognize corridors to protect and enhance for improved freight movement, and
- Assist with strategically directing resources and investments to improve performance (i.e., use of National Highway Freight Program funds)



### Iowa freight movement by mode



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# Top 10 freight planning considerations

- 1 Funding
- 2 Agriculture
- 3 Lock and dams
- 4 Trade
- 5 Multimodal
- 6 Safety
- **7** Resiliency
- **8** Truck cargo
- 9 Highway design
- **10** Regulations

2017





### **Mode comparison**

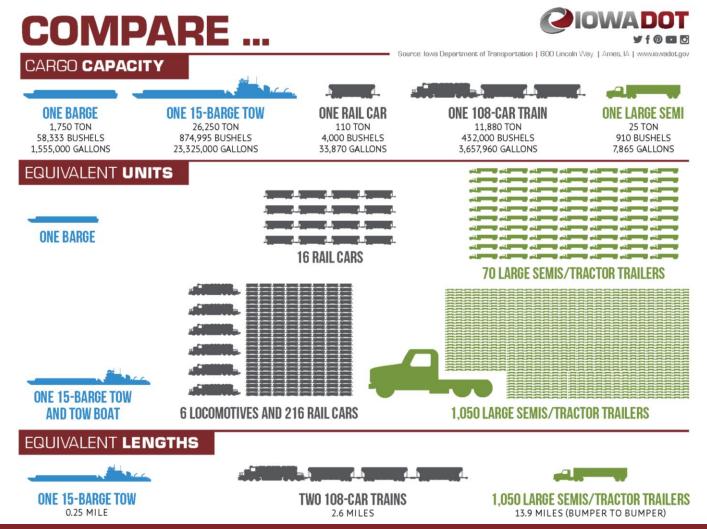
Transportation costs play a large role in the decisions of lowa shippers. Having various transportation options allows for cost savings and opportunities to optimize supply chains as each mode has different characteristics that may make the efficient transport of certain commodities ideal for one mode but not another.

Aviation handles the most time-sensitive and lowest weight cargo and has the highest shipping costs.

Most freight in Iowa is carried on the **Highway** system. Although trucking movements are typically more expensive than rail or water transport, it is the most flexible. Trucks generally move small amounts of a few hundred pounds all the way up to 50,000 pounds per shipment. Truckload service providers move products using equipment such as dry van, flatbed, hopper, and refrigerated trailers.

**Railroad** movements are generally less expensive than trucking and more fuel-efficient but are more restricted by the privately-owned networks the trains move on. This mode is well suited for moving large volumes of freight between two shipping points and, like trucks, uses dry car, flatbed, hopper, and refrigerated equipment.

Transporting commodities via **Waterway** is the slowest and least flexible of the freight modes. However, it is the most fuel-efficient, cheapest, and can handle the largest volumes per trip. One barge can handle as much as 70 trucks or more than 16 rail cars.





### Freight goals

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**INNOVATION** 

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### Implementation strategies (prioritized by the FAC)

lowa's overall freight improvement strategy includes a listing of prioritized implementation strategies that were developed in consultation with freight stakeholders. Each element of the department's strategy aims to address freight specific needs and aligns with both the priorities of the FAC and the national freight goals.

- Explore additional sustainable funding sources to increase investment in the freight transportation system.
- 2 Support the development and adoption of emerging freight technologies to increase safety and efficiency.
- Partner with freight stakeholders to find innovative ways to address labor shortages across industry sectors.
- Advance a 21st century Farm-to-Market System that moves products seamlessly across road, rail, and water to global marketplaces.
- 5 Streamline and align freight-related regulations and minimize unintended consequences.
- 6 Explore opportunities for increasing value-added production within the state.
- Improve freight transportation system resiliency.
- Collaborate with railroad operators to provide lowa companies with increased access and capacity to accommodate additional lowa freight shipments.
- Support opportunities to develop new intermodal freight facilities in the state.
- **10** Target investment to address mobility issues that impact freight movements.
- **11** Continually monitor international trade deals and negotiations.
- Advocate for the funding and improvement of the inland waterway system and explore ways to expand 12 lowa's role.
- Optimize the availability and use of freight shipping containers, including exploring other options for repositioning empty containers.
- **14** Partner with law enforcement and the trucking industry to combat human trafficking.
- 15 Mitigate the impacts of freight transportation on the environment and communities.
- Target investment in the Iowa Multimodal Freight Network (IMFN) at a level that reflects the importance of 16 this system for moving freight.
- Rightsize the highway system and apply cost-effective solutions to locations with existing and anticipated 17 issues.
- Enhance planning and asset management practices for the IMFN by utilizing designs and treatments that 18 are compatible with significant freight movements.
- **19** Work with partners to address increasing truck parking demand.

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Iowa Freight Advisory Council March 25, 2022



### FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

### INFRASTRUCTURE BILL OVERVIEW

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) signed Nov. 15, 2021.
- Includes reauthorization of surface transportation programs for FFY 2022 to FFY 2026.
- Operating under a continuing resolution through March 11, 2022

Includes \$550 billion in new funding with HALF going to transportation.



Federal **highway** funds to Iowa approximately **30%** higher.



Federal **transit** funds to lowa approximately **35%** higher.



Aviation and waterway funding also increases.



- Signed into law March 15, 2022
- Allows full funding of new and existing Infrastructure Bill programs
- Allows final guidance on new programs
- Includes additional Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation funding



### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

**Highway Formula Programs (millions)** 

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Program	2021 (actual)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
National Highway Performance	307.4	365.8	373.1	380.6	388.2	395.9
Surface Transportation Block	157.2	177.9	181.5	185.1	188.8	192.6
Highway Safety Improvement	28.1	35.8	36.6	37.5	38.3	39.2
Rail-Highway Crossings	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Congestion Mitigation/Air Qual.	11.8	12.3	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.3
National Highway Freight	18.2	17.0	17.4	17.7	18.1	18.4
Metro Planning	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
State Planning and Research	10.6	*	*	*	*	*
Highway Infra/Bridge	43.6					
Bridge		86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3	86.3
Carbon Reduction		15.9	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.2
PROTECT		18.0	18.4	18.8	19.1	19.5
Total	584.7	737.4	750.4	763.7	777.3	791.1
National EV Charging		10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3
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### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

# **Highway Formula Programs (millions)**

Program	2021 (actual)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total (minus Carbon Red/Protect/EV)	584.7	703.5	715.8	728.4	741.4	754.4
Increase over 2021		118.8	131.1	143.7	156.7	169.7
90 percent obligation limitation		106.9	118.0	129.3	141.0	152.7



# **New Programs – Carbon Reduction**

- New core program about \$16 m per year
- 65 percent suballocated by population
  - Over 200,000 population: \$2.2 million
  - 50,000 to 200,000 population: \$2.1 million
  - 5,000 to 50,000 population: \$1.9 million
  - < 5,000 population: \$4.1 million</li>
  - Any area: \$5.6 million
- Projects to reduce emissions
  - Traffic monitoring facilities/programs
  - Public transit
  - Trails
  - Congestion management
  - Advanced technologies
- Each state required to develop carbon reduction strategy by Nov. 2023
   LOWADOT

# **New Programs – PROTECT**

- "Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost saving Transportation"
- New core program about \$18 m per year
- Projects to improve resiliency of transportation infrastructure
  - Resilience improvement grants
  - Community resiliency
  - Evacuation routes
- Lower match if state develops resiliency improvement plan and/or incorporates within state transportation plan



# National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

- New US DOT program from the Infrastructure Bill
- Iowa allocated \$51 million over FFY 2022-2026
   approximately \$10.3 m per year
- FFY 2022 allocation: \$7.6 m (after off-the-tops)
- Infrastructure within one mile of Alternative Fuel Corridor Routes
- Opportunity to add routes (apps due May 13)







# National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

- State Deployment Plan
  - Due August 1, 2022
  - Approved by September 30, 2022
  - Approval required to access funds
- Iowa DOT and IEDA will coordinate and seek input



# Freight and Multimodal Discretionary Programs (open for applications)

- RAISE \$1.5 b
  - Focused on local or regional projects
  - Apps due April 14
- Major Infrastructure Projects Funding (apps due May 23)
  - National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) \$1b
    - New program for large/complex projects
    - 50 percent to projects over \$500m and 50 percent to projects \$100m to \$500m
  - INFRA (freight projects) \$1.5b
  - Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL) \$300m
    - New program for rural highway/bridge projects
    - Improve freight, safety, provide/increase access to ag, commercial, energy, or transportation facilities



# Freight and Multimodal Discretionary Programs (future)

- Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program
  - New program
  - Eligible projects
    - Grade separations
    - Track relocation
    - Improve/install protective devices
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program
  - Highway-rail grade crossing improvements
  - Rail line relocation and improvement



# Infrastructure Bill Implementation Steps

- ✓ Passage of Infrastructure Bill: Nov. 15, 2021
- lowa DOT review and assessment: ongoing
- lowa DOT overview to Commission: ongoing
  - Initial overview: October 11, 2021
- Stakeholder input
  - City/County/RPA/MPO Committee
    - o Initial meeting Feb. 2, 2022
    - Second meeting March 16, 2022
  - All stakeholders
    - o Initial communication Nov. 30, 2021
    - Initial recommendations to be sent to all stakeholders after March 16
- ☐ Summary of input to Commission
- ☐ Recommendations to Commission
- Commission action



## 2022 HIGHWAY PROGRAM AMENDMENT

➤ Allocate some of the FFY 2022 Infrastructure Bill funding increases to SFY 2022 Program. (~\$50 m)

### **GOALS**

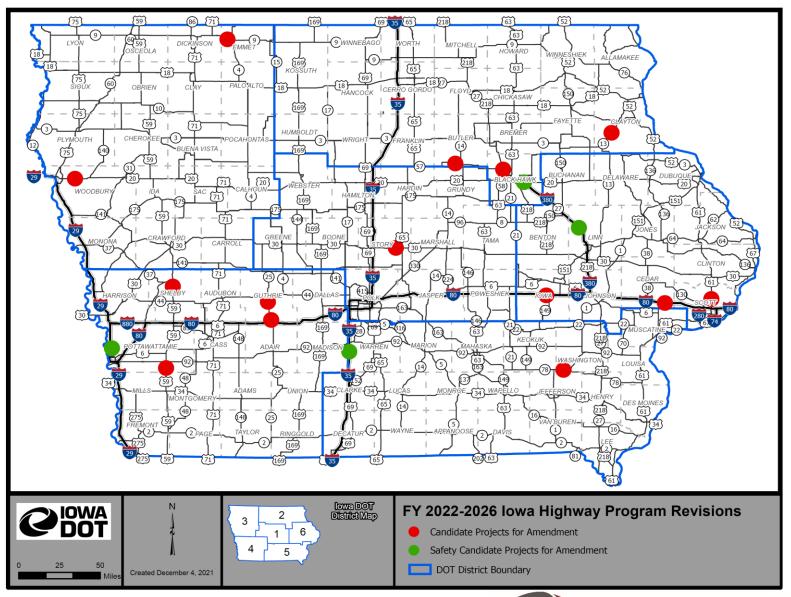
- Put Infrastructure Bill funding to work as quickly as possible.
- Prioritize pavement and safety needs.
- Equitable distribution across the state.
- ➤ Commission approved Jan. 12, 2022.



### FY 2022 Iowa Highway Program Revisions

Route County	Description	Mileage	Program Amount
1 Washington	Keokuk Co. Line to WCL of Brighton	6.1	\$9,730,000
9 Emmet	0.55 mi. W. of NCL Estherville to the West Fork of Des Moines River	1.3	\$2,412,000
13 Clayton	0.5 miles N of IA 3 to IA 56	13.5	\$4,300,000
20 Woodbury	Little Whiskey Creek to Elliot Creek near Lawton	4.6	\$3,799,000
25 Guthrie	E. Jct. of F-65 to W. Jct. F-65	1.8	\$3,147,000
25 Guthrie	Adair Co. Line to E Jct. F-65	1.0	\$612,400
30 Story	E. of Co. Rd. S27 to 0.4 mi W. of US 65 (EB)	4.6	\$9,000,000
57 Butler	4th St in Aplington to WCL of Parkersburg	4.2	\$2,015,90
59 Shelby	Harlan to Crawford Co line	15.4	\$3,028,000
59 Mills	Co. Rd. H12 to IA 92	6.0	\$2,661,00
61 Scott	All ramps at Mt. Joy and Long Grove interchanges	2.0	\$2,000,00
80 Iowa	3 locations in Iowa County (MP 204.8-209.65, 215.12-221.35, 221.35-225.93)	31.3	\$3,100,00
80 Cedar / Scott	Cedar - West Branch easterly 2.5 Miles; Scott - Cedar County Line to 1.1 Mi East of Co Rd Y40	19.8	\$2,400,00
218 Black Hawk	0.6 mi S of IA 27 Interchange to IA 27 Interchange (NB)	0.8	\$2,200,00
80 Pottawattamie	Madison Avenue Interchange in Council Bluffs (pavement rehabilitation)		(\$4,500,000
'	Subtotal	112.4	\$45,905,30
	SAFETY PROJECTS (Cable Guardrail Projects)		
380 Linn	Tower Terrace Road to Lewis Access Road	9.0	\$2,250,00
29 Pottawattamie	0.5 miles N of Council Bluffs to I-680	4.0	\$1,000,00
20/380 Black Hawk	I-380/US 218 to I-380/US 20	5.5	\$1,375,00
35 Warren	Co Rd G-50/St. Charles to Clanton Creek	1.5	\$375,00
'	Subtotal	20.0	\$5,000,00
	TOTAL		\$50,905,300







# 2023-2027 Highway Program

- To be approved June 2022
- ~ \$4.2 billion of state/federal funding (up from \$3.6 billion)
- Fully programs Infrastructure Bill funding increases
- Challenges
  - Federal funding uncertainty
    - FFY 2022 continuing resolution
    - FFY 2027 funding levels
  - Impact of high construction costs
  - High expectations of the impact of the Infrastructure Bill



## **Questions?**

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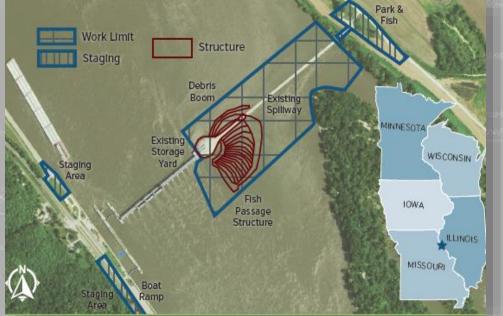
# **ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OVERVIEW**

Iowa Freight Advisory Council 25 March 2022





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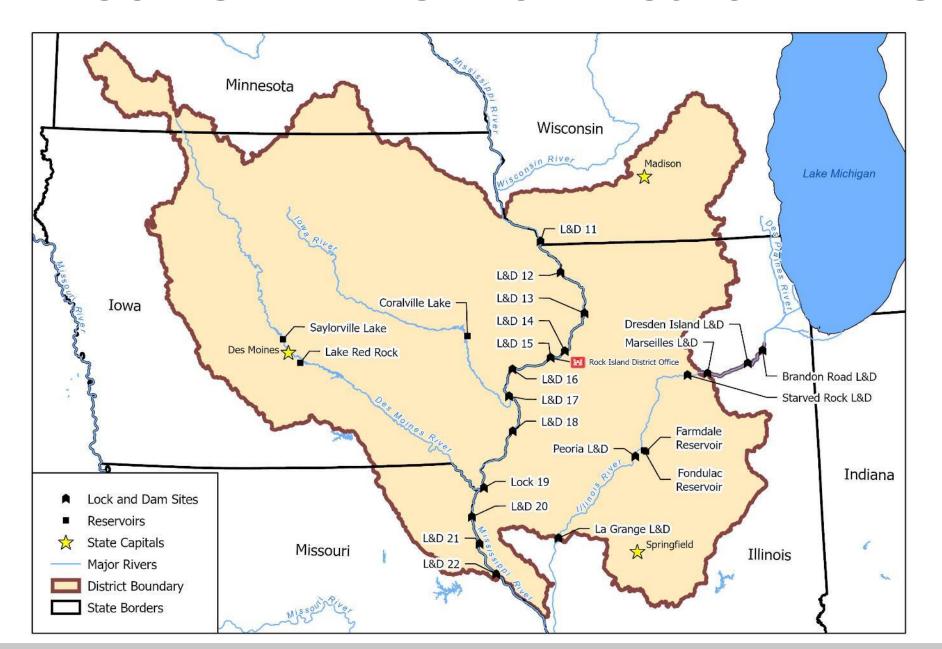






## **ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT PROJECT AREAS**





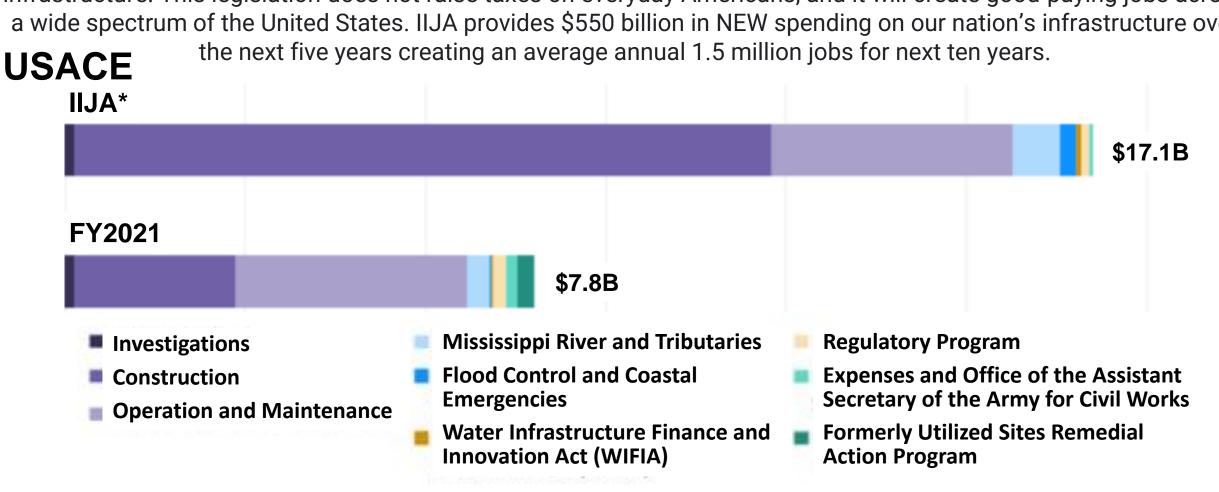


### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



#### What is in the infrastructure and Jobs Act?

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law on JAN 19, 2022, means historic investment that will modernize our roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, airports, broadband, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. This legislation does not raise taxes on everyday Americans, and it will create good-paying jobs across a wide spectrum of the United States. IIJA provides \$550 billion in NEW spending on our nation's infrastructure over the next five years creating an average annual 1.5 million jobs for next ten years.





#### ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT FUNDING TRENDS



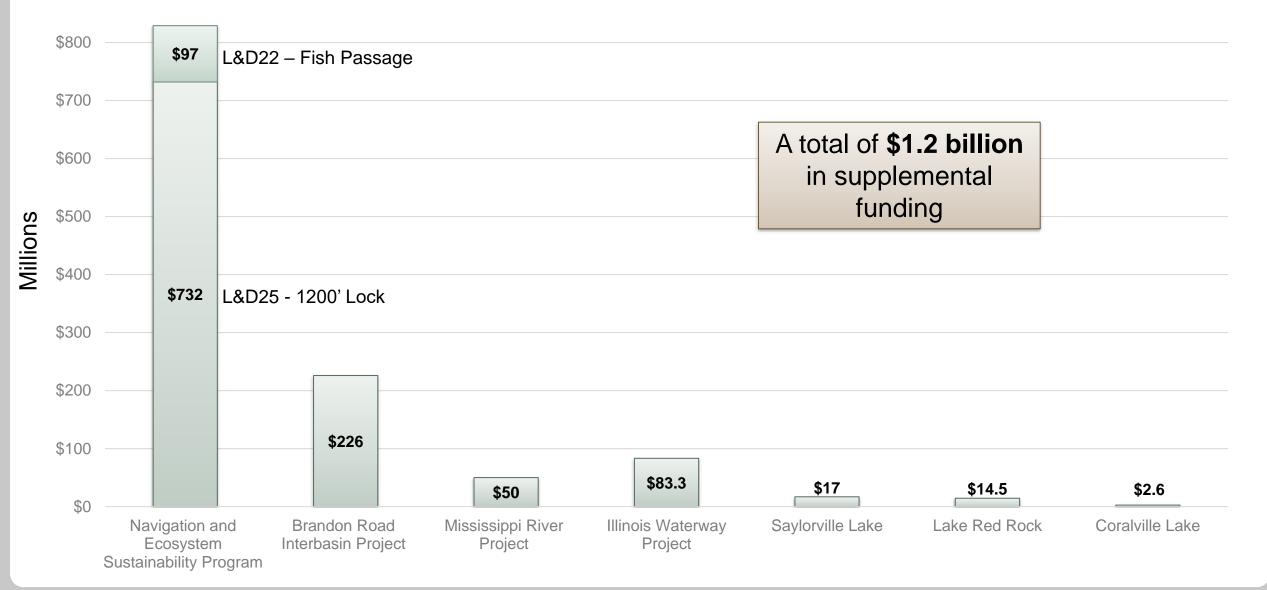




### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



IIJA funding for Rock Island District Programs & Projects





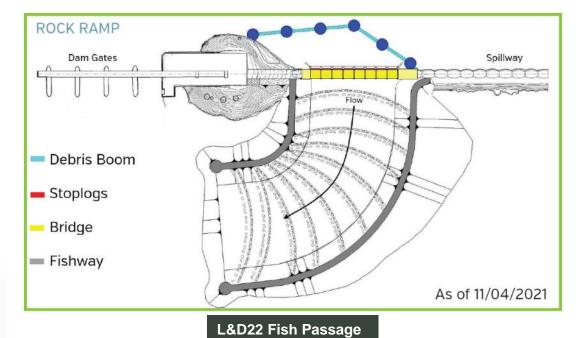
### NAVIGATION & ECOSYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (NESP)



**Purpose:** A long-term program of navigation improvements and ecosystem restoration for the Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS).

**Goals:** Increase the capacity and improve the reliability of the inland navigation system while restoring, protecting, and enhancing the environment to ensure the economic and environmental sustainability of the UMRS.





Lock & Dam 25 – 1200' Lock (\$732M)

Complete Design and Construction

Lock & Dam 22 – Fish Passage (\$97.1M)

- Complete Design
- Initiate Construction



### **BRANDON ROAD INTERBASIN PROJECT**

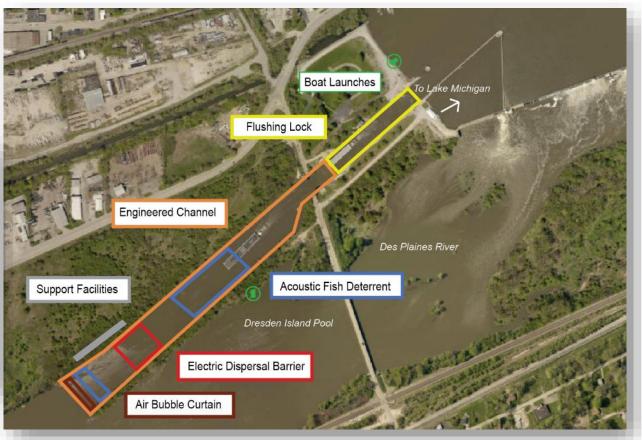


#### Construction New Start (\$226M)

- Complete Engineering and Design
- Construction of Phase 1 Deterrents

Advance Nonstructural Controls





A complex ecosystem protection effort designed to prevent upstream movement of invasive carp and other aquatic nuisance species into the Great Lakes from the Illinois Waterway.



#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE – MISSISSIPPI RIVER**



Mississippi River Project (\$50M)

- L&D Scour Repair
- Lock Damage Repairs
- Lock Guide Wall Work
- Bulkhead Lifters
- Hydraulic Cylinders
- Miter Gate Anchorages
- Tainter Gates
- Electrical Work
- Dredging





#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE – ILLINOIS WATERWAY**



#### Illinois Waterway Project (\$83.3M)

- 2023 Closures Work
- Miter and Sector Gate
   Maintenance/Replacement
- L&D Equipment Replacement
- Wicket Gate Replacement
- Sector Gear and Electrical Work







# **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE – SAYLORVILLE LAKE**



Saylorville Lake (\$17M)

 Construction of Administration and Maintenance Facility





#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE – LAKE RED ROCK**



Lake Red Rock (\$14.5M)

- Construction of New Project Office and Visitor Center
- Replace Damaged Roofs
- Water Infrastructure Updates
- Shoreline Erosion and Parking Lot Repairs





# **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE – CORALVILLE LAKE**



#### Coralville Lake (\$2.6M)

- Shoreline Erosion Repairs
- Road Repair
- Address Damaged Restrooms and Shower Buildings
- Control Tower Maintenance
- Sandblast/Paint Water Tower







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## **NAVIGATION AND ECOSYSTEM** SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (NESP) UPDATE

Andrew Goodall, P.E., P.M.P. **NESP Program Manager** 

Iowa Freight Advisory Council 25 March 2022















# NESP INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) PROJECTS



- The Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program received a construction new start and construction general appropriations on Jan. 19, 2022, through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The two projects funded were the Lock 25 1200' Lock and Lock 22 Fish Passage projects at \$732M and \$97.1M respectively.
- The NESP construction new start and construction appropriations mean that USACE is developing a plan for completion of both projects, with a goal to begin construction as quickly as possible.
- The combination of ecosystem and navigation in a single USACE program required many years of coordination with both the navigation and ecosystem partners and it will alter the future of the Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS) to ensure it remains the vital transportation and ecosystem corridor for the next 100+ years.







### **LOCK 25 NEW 1200' LOCK**



- The Lock 25 new 1200' Lock was fully funded at \$732M. This funding will be used to complete design and construct the project. The IIJA waived the Inland Waterways Trust Fund 65%/35% cost-share requirement.
- The primary purpose of the project is to improve efficiency, reliability, and safety for Navigation traffic transiting the facility along with adding additional operational redundancy at Lock 25.
- When complete, the new lock will reduce per lockage times from two and a half hours or more to approximately 45 minutes.

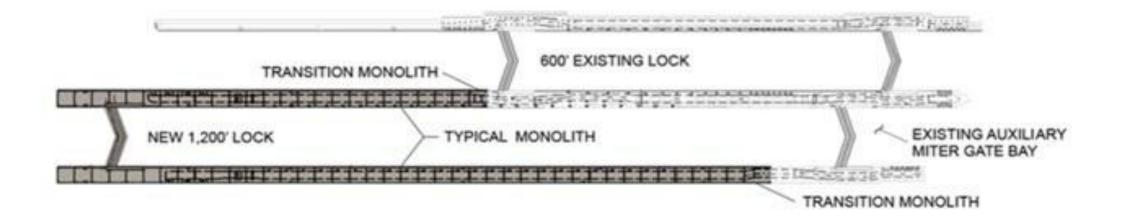


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#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES



- Design and construction of a new 1,200-foot pile-founded lock chamber to be constructed on the downstream side of the existing auxiliary miter gate bay.
- Design and construction of a new upstream, ported approach wall.
- Design and construction of a downstream approach wall designed to block flow through the wall.
- The existing 600-foot lock will remain in operation during the design and construction of the new lock and will become an auxiliary lock chamber after completion.

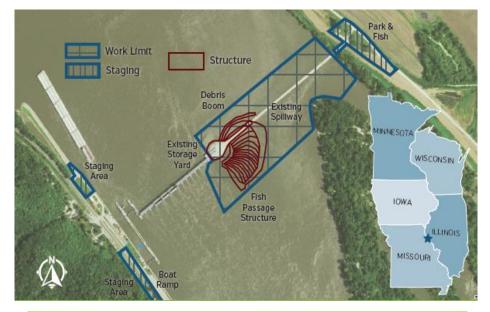


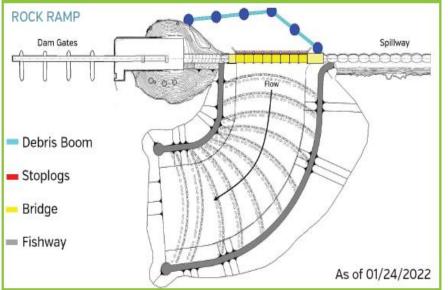


#### LOCK AND DAM 22 FISH PASSAGE



- The Lock and Dam 22 fish passage project was funded at \$97.1M. This funding will allow for completion of design and initiation of construction.
- The primary purpose of the project is to increase access to upstream mainstem river and tributary habitats.
   Increased access to upriver habitats will result in an increase in the size and distribution of 30 native migratory fish populations, effectively returning this area of the river to a pre-lock and dam state.
- When complete, the fish passage structure will permanently restore the connection between river pools for native fish species.





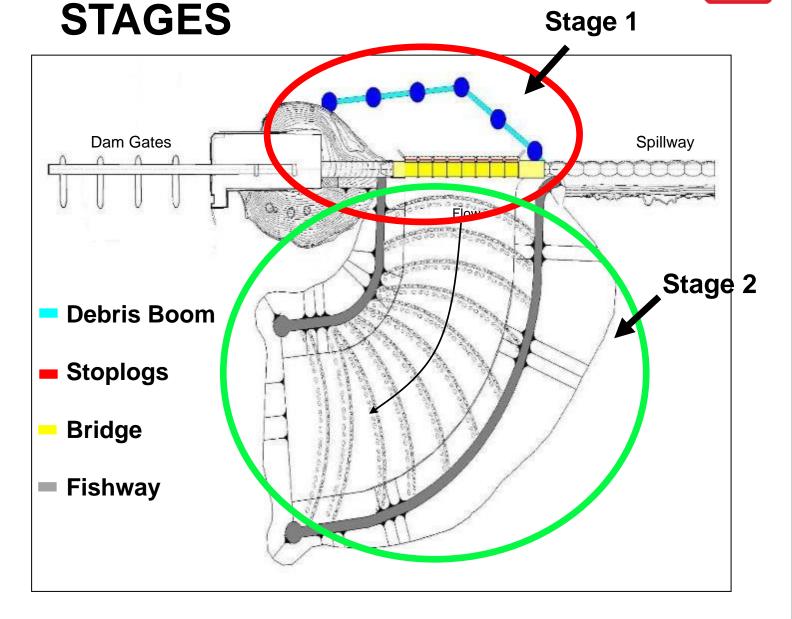


## LD 22 FISH PASSAGE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION



Stage 1 -

- > Inlet Structure
- ➤ Ice/Debris Structure
- Stage 2
  - Rock Arch Fish Passage





#### ADDITIONAL NESP PROJECTS



- NESP received \$45.1M through the FY22 appropriations bill. This funding will be used for navigation and ecosystem project construction contracts and design.
- Navigation projects:
  - ➤ Lock 14 mooring cell construction contract
  - > Moore's Towhead systemic mitigation construction contract
  - ➤ LaGrange new 1200' lock design
  - > Systemic mitigation project feasibility
- Ecosystem projects:
  - > Twin Island, Alton Pool, Starved Rock construction contracts
  - Ecosystem project feasibility (4-6 projects)









#### **NAVIGATION - LOCK 14 MOORING CELL**



#### **Project Outcome**

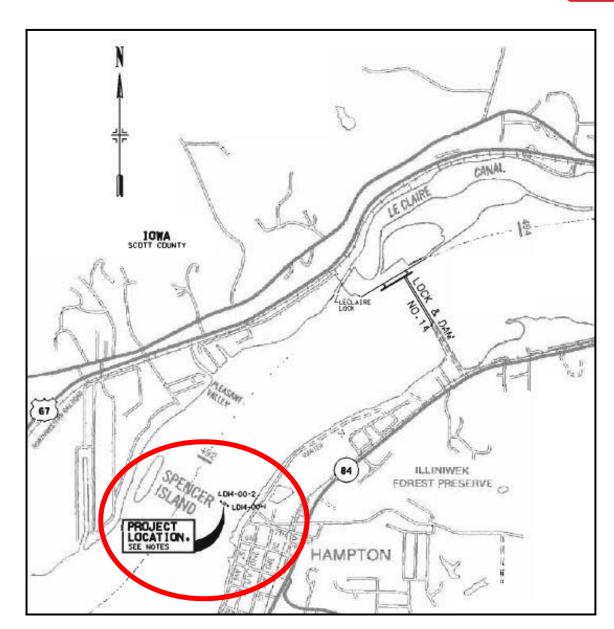
- Provide a mooring location for tows entering lock 14 (one cell)
- Efficiency is gained when a waiting tow can moor, or wait, in a more efficient location for approaching the lock.
- A mooring facility located in the right location can provide this efficiency.

#### Long-term benefits

Time savings for each approaching tow

#### **Current Status**

Targeted construction contract award in FY22







# QUESTIONS?